

Sedgeford Village News

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PARISH COUNCIL

At the Council meeting on 15th July, there was a presentation about the proposal to put up a telecommunications mast along the northern boundary of the playing field. Residents had a chance to ask questions and express their opinions about this proposal. Because of concerns that relatively few residents had attended the meeting, councillors decided to carry out a door-to-door survey to find out the views of a larger number of parishioners before making a decision. The Clerk, John Ward, has a copy of the powerpoint presentation, available on request from jands@wychwood7.co.uk

VILLAGE HALL.

Following the very successful last film in the Hall we have now arranged more films for the second Friday of each month. During the school summer holidays on Friday 14th August we are showing Cinderella (U) which is the new version with Cate Blanchett and Helena Bonham Carter. The film starts earlier than normal at 6 p.m. and admission is £4 adults and £3 children with a free soft drink. On September 11th we have Far from the Madding Crowd which again is a new version of the original 60's classic and this is followed on October 9th with A Royal Night Out about the two Royal Princesses visiting central London on VE night. Admission for the latter 2 films is £5 including a glass of wine and the films both start at 7.30. One date for the diary is Friday 30th October when we have a musical comedy called On The Box by the Bowjangles Theatre company. This is a show they performed at the Edinburgh Fringe last year to excellent reviews and there will be more details about this show and other events in the Hall in the next newsletter.

Mike Wade 579355.

REGULAR VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

CARPET BOWLS Monday 6.30 - 8.30pm.

New members welcome - ring Mike on 579355 for more information

YOGA

Tuesday Evening Yoga 6 - 7pm

Wednesday Morning Yoga 10-11am

There is no Meditation Group at the moment.

Children may attend the evening class if accompanied by a responsible adult. New members are very welcome to come along and try a class before joining. For further information call 01485 570485

Sandee Kruger-Daunt

FLOWER FESTIVAL AND CRAFT FAIR

Enclosed with the newsletter is a brochure for our festival this year. Do hope you will be able to visit the church at sometime over the three days. If you have any tombola/raffle prizes or books for the book stall that you would like to donate please let me know and I will collect or leave them just inside the church which is open from 9 am – 6 pm each day. Many thanks.

WW2 SERVICE

There will be a service with the British Legion in the church on Sunday 16th August at 10 am to commemorate VJ Day and the end of WW2. The service includes Docking, Bircham, Stanhoe, Fring and Sedgeford churches and casualties will be remembered from all these areas. You are welcome to wear medals.

Pam Goddard.

SHARP: Hello All you lovely people.

Picture the scene a Wednesday night on 29th July, an archeological research dig in it's 20th year, a field full of tents and archaeologists. Nestled within this a Marquee with a stage, with 2 men waiting to tell you a story.....

Welcome to a magical realist romp through the Sixties. Was there ever a more magical decade than this – a helter-skelter ride from black and white post-war austerity to kaleidoscopic flower-powered social revolution? This novel tells a Sixties fairytale charting the journey of Cindy Spectre from factory girl to hippie chick, kitchen sink drama to bedsit romance, Dusty Springfield to Janis Joplin. At the heart of this revolution is the music of the Beatles who undertake their own magical mystery tour from cheeky choirboy mop-tops of Love Me Do to the bearded sages of Let It Be. The music is woven into the narrative style and every stage of the plot. In the form of the composite character 'Beatle', the Beatles become the magical Prince who shows Cindy the way out of her workaday drudgery and onto a journey that ends in a question mark in India. The show ends with an emotional assessment of the Beatles' enduring gift, that 'Something'.

All this and a Beatles themed buffet and a Bluesie folk band called The Baroness and The Bear. For the fantastic price of £8 a person. Refreshments will be available. All profits going to the Minor John Bursery fund to help give people better access to Archaeology. Please get in touch via email or phone for more information and tickets

A READER WRITES IN: (edited)

A meeting was held to demonstrate the type of phone mast that the Parish Council want to have Placed on the playing field..... where your children play. Unsurprisingly many villagers did not turn up because the time of 6.30 pm was early for working families to attend and very few people were informed until the last minute. The mast is for the villages who can not get a phone reception down in the low... Not those on the hill as the phone signal there is ok. It is a fact that several of us who attended do get reception in the low of the village. (Vodafone). The mast will be an eyesore and environmentally unfriendly. They do give off constant microwaves, unlike your tv and microwave ovens which we switch off. This large structure will be sending strong waves all the time. And strongest up to quarter of a mile away. The argument we, the residents, put forward was that if the mast is for the homes down in the village, then the mast should be the sited on the opposite side of the village, within a non-residential area; not blighting the landscape behind our homes and possibly endangering the health of us all, where children play and live. This in NOT surely what visitors staying in the village want to view and homebuyers are put off by these structures within a village environment. It seems that the Parish Council are choosing for what the small group of them believe what we the villagers should have and not what we want. A beautiful unspoilt historic village that's why we choose to live here. If it doesn't suit you as it is then why do you live here.???

LGS

70 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH:

Bobby Dipper writes:

VJ-Day came too quickly for organised celebration in Sedgeford. Flags and bunting were not quite so much in evidence as on VE-Day, although Cole Green and Cornerstone Yard made a brave display. About seventy "gate crashers" joined in celebrations around a huge bonfire at School House in the evening.

A good many families not in the harvest fields went to Heacham or Hunstanton. Local motorists were a bit sore at the cost of parking a car. Maybe the Council at Hunstanton are in a

hurry to make up for lost time? To park a car for a day "or any part thereof," cost 2/6.

RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES AT SCHOOL

The Rights and Privileges of parents with regard to the education of their children were very poorly emphasised on Parents Day. A local manager, however, reminded us in conversation this week, that Rights and Privileges carry with them corresponding duties and responsibilities.

He expressed concern that during the term just ended 2,251 attendances were lost by the ninety children attending Sedgeford school. A mild epidemic of measles in the spring accounted for only a very small proportion of this total. We cannot help feeling that parents do not realise effect frequent interruptions must have on the education of the child.

HOOLIGANISM.

It is sad indeed to see the damage committed by hooligans in recent weeks at the Magazine House. Built before or during the reign of Charles I this is, with exception of the parish church, the most interesting building in the village. While the revolution, in which King Charles lost his head, was in progress, the house was used by the King's supporters for storing their arms and gunpowder. It was prepared for the purpose by Sir Hamon Le Strange, then Governor of Lynn, when the town made ready for a siege.

One large room was fitted up for a prison, the bars on the window and the metal fittings to the heavy door still remain. The guardroom adjoining has three stone slits, north and south, through which the defenders could fire.

Below this room is a basement in which the arms were stored. The walls of the main room bear the arms of Sir Hamon Le Strange, and those of the Rolfe family. Above the door are portraits in stained glass of what appear to be Crusaders and a Princess.

A BAD ROAD.

Conditions on the Shernbourne road have been responsible for some delay in harvesting operations on major Ingleby's farm. The rough state of the road makes it almost impassable for tractors when they are carrying a load. At least three tractor draw-bars have been broken. The road is repairable by the County Council

WWI Roll of Honour: Walter Locke:

Private 14448, 9th Battalion, Norfolk Regiment. Killed in action in France & Flanders on Wednesday 18 October 1916. Age 24. Born Methwold. Enlisted Norwich. Son of Herbert and Rose Locke, of Eaton Farm, Sedgeford, King's Lynn. No known grave. Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. (Pier and Face 1C and 1D).

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